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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees, please amend the claims attached to the specification as follows:

3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, [lacuna] that, in an accommodating/discharge position (47) for the radio telephone (1, 1', 1''), the mating contact unit (29, 29') is located in a state in which it has been pivoted, by way of a contact means (30, 30'), approximately 45° to 135° in relation to the main plane (E) of the holder (20).

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the radio telephone (1, 1', 1'') can be moved into an operating position from the accommodating position (47) via a rotary movement, a subsequent rotary/sliding movement and a final rearward sliding movement in the holder (20).

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the mating contact unit (29, 29') essentially comprises a basic body (31, 31') which bears contact means (30, 30') aligned perpendicularly to its axis of rotation (32, 32').

6. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the mating contact unit (29, 29') is kept in the accommodating and/or discharge position (47) by a

spring (40), the spring (40) counteracting the rotary movement and the sliding movement of the mating contact unit (29, 29').

7. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the movement of the mating contact unit (29, 29') is damped at least in certain regions by a brake (48).

8. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that, in the operating position, a restraining element (34) engages over the housing end (8) of the radio telephone (1, 1', 1''), said housing end being located opposite the contact unit (12, 12', 12'').

9. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that, in the operating position, the radio telephone (1, 1', 1'') has at least one level-compensating element (36) acting on a rear side (4).

10. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that, in the operating position, the radio telephone (1, 1', 1'') keeps an ejector (38) in a prestressed position.

11. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the contact means (30, 30') of the mating contact unit (29, 29') are mounted in a floating manner preferably at least in a plane located parallel to a flattened portion (5) [sic] of the mating contact unit (29, 29').

12. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that, following release of the restraining element (34), the spring element (40) causes the radio telephone (1, 1', 1'') to be displaced from the operating position into the accommodating/discharge position (47).

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to eliminate multiple claim dependency. Examination on the merits of the application is requested. A marked up version showing the changes made to the claims is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

3. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, [lacuna] that, in an accommodating/discharge position (47) for the radio telephone (1, 1', 1''), the mating contact unit (29, 29') is located in a state in which it has been pivoted, by way of a contact means (30, 30'), approximately 45° to 135° in relation to the main plane (E) of the holder (20).
4. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the radio telephone (1, 1', 1'') can be moved into an operating position from the accommodating position (47) via a rotary movement, a subsequent rotary/sliding movement and a final rearward sliding movement in the holder (20).
5. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the mating contact unit (29, 29') essentially comprises a basic body (31, 31') which bears contact means (30, 30') aligned perpendicularly to its axis of rotation (32, 32').
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12. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that, following release of the restraining element (34), the spring element (40) causes the radio telephone (1, 1', 1'') to be displaced from the operating position into the accommodating/discharge position (47).

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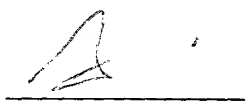

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